



PRESBYTERIAN *Tidings*

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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GRAND HAVEN, MI

From Reverend Dr. Troy Hauser Brydon

Over the course of my ministry I have become convinced that being intentional about legacy is essential both to how we live intentionally as Christians now and to how those who have come before us have paved the way for us. Legacy is important because it speaks to how we have lived our days. Legacy giving is also vital to the church because it strengthens and grows ministry in good times and cushions the church in hard times.

I am delighted that the Rev. Dr. John Buchanan will be spending time with us on Sunday, September 26 in the afternoon to talk to us about why legacy is so important to the church. John served as the pastor of Fourth Presbyterian Church in Chicago from 1985-2012. Fourth is one of the flagship churches in our denomination, right across the street from the John Hancock Building on Michigan Avenue. He also was the editor of *The Christian Century* until 2016. During his time at Fourth, he oversaw significant development of legacy planning and giving. I know he has much to say about it, and I hope you will take time to join us for this special afternoon in September. It has been one of my aims as your pastor to grow our legacy awareness and giving. I'd love to see you there, and I'd love to see your

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Upcoming Events

- Sept. 11** Memorial Service for Jerry Lamb
- Sept. 12** All-Church Picnic at Pottawatomie Park
- Sept. 19** Youth Group Kick-Off Party in the Parking Lot
- Sept. 24** PW Mum Sale
- Sept. 26** Ferry Legacy Society Program with Rev. Dr. John Buchanan
- Sept. 26** Youth Group Gatherings Begin in Fellowship Hall
- Sept. 26** 3rd/4th Grade Trip to Stony Lake Stables
- Sept. 26** 5th/6th Grade Worship & Fellowship
- Sept. 29** Memorial Service for Rick vandenBerg

From Rev. Kristine Aragon Bruce

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for all of the cards, calls, texts and prayers for me and my family in the loss of my Auntie "Baby" Joan and Uncle Marceo. Your words and prayers mean the world to me.

Auntie Baby was my mom's older sister. My Lola (grandmother in Filipino) passed away suddenly when my Auntie Baby was only 14 and my Mom was 12. They had 4 younger siblings. My Auntie Baby became the mother figure for her younger siblings overnight. Until the day she went into the hospital, my aunts, uncles and cousins continued to lovingly joke about how much of an overbearing mom she tended to be. Uncle Marceo was

an engineer and fit almost every stereotype of one. He was intelligent, quiet and utterly devoted to my Auntie Baby and she to him. He had suffered a debilitating stroke 15 years ago and my Auntie was his sole caregiver. They passed away within hours of one another due to Covid-19. Their passing brings new meaning to the vow: "Till death do us part."

Grief is a funny thing. Funny because you just don't know how or when it's going to hit you. There is no rhyme or reason. I literally studied the grieving process in seminary so it's strange to recognize what is happening to me mentally, emotionally and physically. One second you'll just be going about your day, brewing your morning coffee

(or in my case tea), making sure the kids have everything they need in their backpacks, and suddenly a song, a picture or maybe even nothing at all jolts you back into the reality that you are experiencing a deep loss. Our first reaction is to try and keep the tears at bay. To tell ourselves "C'mon... you need to keep it together." But why?

I made it through my Auntie and Uncle's homily without crying. I did the same thing when my Mom passed away five years ago. But when it came time to drop flowers into their graves I let grief take over. I knelt and I sobbed. A little voice screamed: "GET IT TOGETHER! Get up! You're making a spectacle of yourself!" But I didn't listen. Instead I listened to my need to stop shoving

In Our Church

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Alice Akin, Brian Anderson and
Joan Tandler, Earle Bares, Larry
Braak, Norm Spring, Lisa Stoner,
and Sandy Teunis

Our Sympathy:

to Tom and Susan Joelson Lentz on
the passing of Susan's mother, Betty
Joelson, on July 29, 2021.

to Anne and Larry McLaughlin on
the death of Anne's father, Chuck
Dauenhauer, Jr., on August 12, 2021.

to Rev. Kristine Aragon Bruce and
Matt Bruce, Phoebe, and Jensen on
the death of Pastor Kristine's Aunt
Joan and Uncle Marceo Olegario, on
August 12, 2021.

to Felecha Beveridge and grand-
daughter Alexis on the death of
Falecha's grandmother, Catherine
Thurston, on August 16, 2021.

to Carl and Mary Jo Nass on the
death of Carl's brother, Keith Nass,
on August 17, 2021.

Thank you!

"Thank you to the members of the
prayer chain who prayed for me and
my family. It means a lot to us and
demonstrates that the congregation
of FPGH is a caring one."

- Mary Albrecht

Food Pantry Collection

Each month, the Mission Committee
collects non-perishable food and
household goods for different local
food pantries. This month's donations
will go to The People Center.

Special requests this month are for:

- Applesauce
- Beef Stew
- Pancake Mix
- Syrup

Please bring your
donations to the
designated spot in the
Gathering Area.
Thank you!



Every month, we publish birthdays
of our members and friends who are
no longer able to come to church
regularly. Bless their special day
with a card from their church family!

- Sept. 7** Suzanne Cooper
17543 Meadow Wood
Spring Lake, MI 49456
- Sept. 11** Jim Teunis
14524 Angelus Circle
Grand Haven, MI 49417
- Sept. 12** Verna Schoonveld
704 Pennoyer Avenue
Christian Haven Home, 12E
Grand Haven, MI 49417
- Sept. 19** Sandy Beute
1410 S. Ferry, F-10
Grand Haven, MI 49417

The Harvest Table

The bounty at the Harvest Table
has been amazing and greatly
appreciated by
all! The table will
continue through
September and
October. Produce,
herbs, seeds,
tubers, bulbs and
plants for fall planting are
all welcome. Please take an earth-
friendly container to church to carry
your goodies home in.



Thank you from the Earth Care Team!

Upcoming Memorial Services

With most COVID restrictions now
lifted, the families of many of those
who passed away in the past year are
scheduling memorial services for
their loved ones. Here is a list of the
services coming up soon:

Jerry Lamb

Saturday, September 11

9:45 a.m. Visitation
10:45 a.m. Memorial Service
at First Presbyterian Church

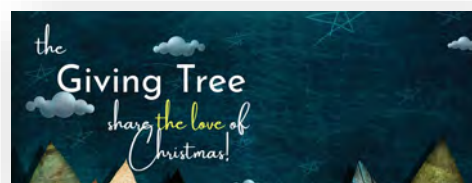
Rick vandenBerg

Wednesday, September 29

11:00 a.m. Memorial Service
at First Presbyterian Church

The Giving Tree (replaces the "Angel Tree" program)

Anyone who is interested in being
on the 2021 Giving Tree committee
is invited to a meeting on Tuesday,
September 14th at 1:30 in the
conference room. Any questions,
please contact Gail Miner
at gailandrobminer@gmail.com.



From Rev. Dr. Troy Hauser Brydon (continued)

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name on the Ferry Legacy Tree outside of the sanctuary, joining the chorus of saints who believe First Presbyterian's ministry is worthy of our support in life and beyond.

Also, I am excited about returning to a more typical style of ministry this fall. Of course, I understand Covid is still a reality and that our children below the age of 12 have not been eligible for vaccines. While doing what we can to make our ministry and building as safe as possible, it is also time to do what we can to tend to our spiritual lives. We will continue to offer worship online and have some other ministries available online or in a hybrid format, but I really hope that you can join us in person again as soon as you are ready to do so. The community of saints gathered for worship, study, prayer, and fellowship cannot be fully replicated online. As a church, my hope is that we will do what we can to welcome each other as best we can this fall.

To that end, allow me to write practically and do a little theology with you all as it relates to Covid precautions. First, here's how our Covid Response Team is approaching the fall. For our children's and youth programming, we will follow the lead of the schools. For now, that means that leaders and participants in those ministries will wear masks. For the rest of the church life (meetings, classes, worship, etc.) we encourage you to discern what is best for yourself and the community. Health officials are encouraging vaccinations and masking where possible, so it is our hope that you follow suit, particularly in this moment where community spread is on the rise and where we are trying to do what we can to ensure our children have a good school year not interrupted by quarantines. While we are encouraging this responsibility, we are leaving the decision to your best discernment. Masks are welcome!

Second, let me write just a little from a theological perspective on all of this. As Christians, our personal freedoms are always submitted to our relationships within community. In 1 Corinthians 12, Paul uses the image of the body of Christ. He writes, "For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ (1 Cor. 12:12). A body at war with itself is not healthy. A body where the individual members put their own freedoms above the whole cannot be healthy. The consistent view of New Testament ethics is that our individual behaviors and convictions come under the Lordship of Jesus and promote the peace, unity, and purity of the church. Part of that means that we make sacrifices for each other. Part of that means, sometimes, that we make choices for the good of the whole even though we may not personally be in that space.

While I have certainly kept up on the science, I can tell you that my chief reason for getting vaccinated and for wearing a mask where appropriate is to promote the health and welfare of others around me. So, as you approach life this fall, I encourage you to consider the welfare of others. I know I am so eager to welcome children and others back to the church, and if wearing a mask is what it takes to get them here safely, I will gladly do it. Let's be the kind of community that is Christlike. Again, in Paul's words, "Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others" (Phil. 2:4).

In Christ,
Pastor Troy

From Rev. Kristine Aragon Bruce

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the grief as deep down as possible. It took too much strength to do so and I was done. So I flat out ugly cried with reckless abandon.

And guess what? It felt good to do it. I'm not saying I'm completely over my loss, but what I am over is not allowing myself to grieve. I'm sharing this with you, church family, because I hope you are giving your-

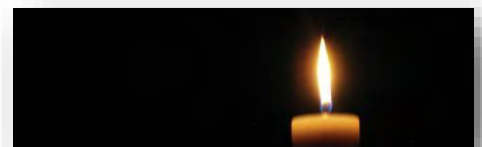
self permission to feel. To not give into the voice that says: "Get it together!" Get it together for what and for whom?

Christ went through death in order to defeat it. With Jesus Christ we can get through the darkness of pain and not be overcome by it. Sometimes it takes being in the darkest of places to realize just how bright the light of Christ is.

"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it."--John 1:5

In Christ's love,

Kristine



Update from the Session

Stay in the loop about the actions of your Session! Following is a synopsis of the main points of the last Session meeting:

Highlights:

- We held our first in-person meeting in a year and a half! What a blessing it was to see each other face-to-face.
- We held a training for communion preparation.
- We approved funding for needed materials for our Children's Ministry.
- We approved funding to underwrite some of the cost of the Youth Mission Trip to Belize in 2022.

It is our joy to serve Christ as the Session for First Presbyterian Church.

Food Volunteers Needed:

On Sunday, September 6, we are returning to our pre-pandemic Youth Group Sunday night programming. Students have consistently shared that they missed the meals provided by their church family *the most* during the 2020-2021 program year. If you are looking for a way to serve our students, please consider signing up to provide dinner. We encourage meal providers to prepare dinner for 35 students. In 2021 we need meal providers for the following dates:

- September: 26
- October: 3, 10, and 17
- November: 7 and 14
- December: 12

Sign up at FPGH or by contacting Maddie Lambert at mlambert@fpgh.org.

**It's time for the annual
Presbyterian Women**

Fall Mum Sale

Friday, September 24
at 10:30 a.m.
in the church parking lot

8" pots of beautiful mums
in a variety of colors
\$6.00 each!

*All proceeds go to support
PW Missions*

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Sunday Morning Worship Services
Offered in Person and on
Facebook Live (@FirstPresGH):

Staff and Leadership:

Rev. Dr. Troy Hauser Brydon, Senior Pastor
Rev. Kristine Aragon Bruce, Associate Pastor
Maryanne Beery, Director of Music & Fine Arts
Sally Bryant, Communications Coordinator
Laura Burns, Children's Ministries Director
Marc Felt, Gathering Band Leader
Rob Hlebinsky, Organist
Kelli Jullie, Church Administrator
Maddie Lambert, Youth & Young Adult Ministries Director
Tommy Langejans, 5th & 6th Grade Ministries Coordinator
Karen Nienhouse, Congregational Care Ministries
Tina Ramones, Administrative Assistant
Kerri Roberts, Office Assistant
Sally Segers, Joyful Noise Director

Tidings article deadline for October 2021 issue: September 23, 2021

Submittals, suggestions or comments: sbryant@fpgh.org or staff@fpgh.org

FPC editorial staff reserves the right to accept or decline, edit for length and content all submitted material.

Fall Faith Formation Offerings

Sunday morning adult education classes between worship services at 10 a.m.

Most offerings start on Sunday September 19

- **Wired Word** / Karen Abraham / Rooms 16/17
- **Parables of Jesus** / Matt Bruce / Rec. Room
- **Sunday Sermon and Bible Study** Warren Trimble & Hal Fitzgerald / Room 3
- **Faith Formation and the Environment: Our Backyard** / Eric Snyder / Room TBA

Weekly Discussion Books and Groups

Sundays

Book Discussion: *How to Fight Racism* by Jemar Tisby
7:00 p.m. in the Lounge
Contact: Jane Stoeper

Tuesdays

Tuesday Noon Prayer Group
12:00 p.m. on Zoom
Contact: Carrie Rivette

Tuesday Evening Men's Group
7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room and on Zoom
Contact: Lee Brink or Frank Steinhauer

Wednesdays

Book Discussion: *Waking up White* by Debby Irving
6:00 p.m. starting Oct. 13
Meal provided for those attending
Childcare provided (if needed)
Contact: George Barfield

Christianity for Today Discussion Group

7:00 p.m. starting October 6
Rooms 16-17
Contact: Robert Day

Thursdays

Thursday Night Discussion Group
Book: *Reading While Black* by Esau McCaulley
7:00 p.m., Rooms 16-17
Contact: Linda Gritter

"Women of the Bible Speak"

Thursdays at 4:30 p.m. on Zoom
Contact: Deb Stanley

Various Times

Small Study groups
Contact: Rev. Kristine Aragon Bruce

Weekday PW Circles

Contact: Dorothy Miller

Please contact the church office with questions:
616-842-6760 or staff@fpgh.org

New Discussion Group **Christianity for Today**

October 6 – November 24
7:00 – 8:30 pm

The Bible is the most purchased and possibly the least read 'book' in America. Much of this lack of readership is due to the incongruity and misconceptions created when reading the Biblical stories within the context of our modern worldview. *Christianity for Today* is a newly forming discussion group to examine how we can understand Christianity within the context of our modern worldview as successors to the Renaissance and the Enlightenment. We will be investigating whether there can be harmony between Christianity and our present age of big bang cosmology, evolution, unveiling of the human genome, and general skepticism. In doing so, our goal will be to develop new relationships and community here at FPGH.

Christianity for Today discussion materials will be available at the beginning of October in the church office and on the church website at fpgh.org.

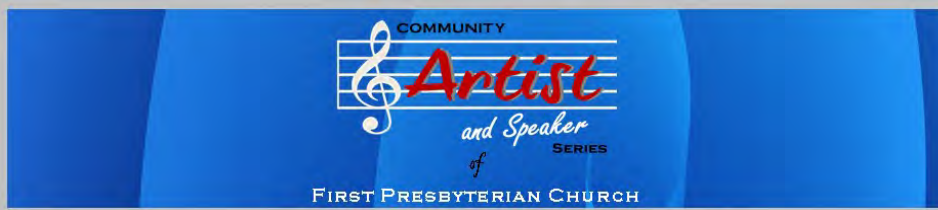
How to Read the Bible

Sundays at 10 a.m. Beginning September 19

It has been said that Jesus' parables not only draw us into the center of his message but moreover that they introduce us to the messenger, to the mystery of who Jesus is himself. Yet Jesus' parables are notoriously difficult to understand, leaving many puzzled, perhaps even frustrated, as to what they might teach us today about following Jesus.

To kick off the "How to Read the Bible" class this Fall, we will spend the first four weeks looking closely at Jesus' parables so that we might come to better know Jesus and his message. The "How to Read the Bible" class will continue afterwards on a subject to be determined with input from the class participants.

Questions? Please contact Matt at: matthew.j.bruce@gmail.com



2020/21 Season

Community Artist & Speaker Series Returns!

Rob Hlebinsky Presents: Disney Doubles
Sunday, September 19, 4:00 p.m.

On Sunday, September 19th at 4 p.m. our very own Rob Hlebinsky will present the first concert of the 2021-22 season!

This organ recital, Disney Doubles, will feature pairs of songs from (mostly) Disney movies like Hercules and Frozen 2. With guest appearances by Maddie Lambert and Maryanne Beery, this program will be fun for the whole family. Come for the music, magic, stories, and inspiration. Hope to see you there!



Be sure to put these Community Artist Series concerts on your calendar:

- October 3: Blackthorn Celtic Music Band
- October 31: "Spooktacular" organ concert
- December 12: West Michigan Winds Small Ensembles
- March 6: AGO Young Organist, Katherine Jolliff

All of the Community Artist events are free and open to the public. All are welcome.

Join a Choir!

Carillon Ringers

Starts Wednesday, Sept. 8
at 6:15 p.m.
Contact Rob:
rhlebins@gmail.com

Geneva Choir

Starts Wednesday, Sept. 8
at 7:30 p.m.
Contact Maryanne:
mbeery@fpg.org



Feeding America Food Truck Volunteers Needed

With your gifts, the Mission Committee of FPGH has sponsored a food truck for people in need in our community.



If you are able to come out from 9:30-11:00 a.m. on Friday morning, November 19, your help is needed distributing food and/or carrying it to vehicles.

Meet us at the food truck that will be parked in St. Pat's parking lot on the corner of US-31 and Fulton. Volunteers needed for the Feeding America food truck on November 19 in the St. Pat's parking lot.

Questions? Contact Mike Weller:
meweller1@hotmail.com or
616-402-6109

Midweek Meditation

Iona-Style Worship Service

6:00 p.m.
on the 4th Wednesday of each month
at church and on Facebook Live



PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS SPECIAL OFFERINGS

On World Communion Sunday, October 3, we celebrate our togetherness around the globe at the communion table in God's house. Through the gifts of the Peace and Justice Special Offering received that day, the Presbyterian Church (USA) is extending Christ's peace throughout our community and the world to over 100 countries. It is a stand against violence to remind everyone that the peace of Christ brings healing and hope.



- 25% of the giving for this offering will stay here at FPGH to support Step Up agency in Muskegon. Step Up helps support young adults who have aged out of the traditional foster care system and are on their own.
- 25% is given to mid councils to unite congregations in supporting peacemaking in their regions.
- 50% supports the work being done for reconciliation and healing by Presbyterians across the globe. Cathy Chang, our mission co-worker in the Philippines whose assignment focuses on human trafficking, is one of those.

Through the gifts given to the Peace and Justice offering, we shine God's light from our hearts and hands to others. Offering envelopes will be in the pews in late September, or you can donate online at fpg.org, or text PEACEPCUSA to 41444.

Survivors of Human Trafficking

The Hope Project of Muskegon serves survivors of human trafficking. It supports the healing of girls and women who have survived sex trafficking and seeks to prevent further cases through mentoring and education.

Each month, seventeen volunteers from our church fill hygiene kits and write "faith notes." In past months our volunteers have filled over 50 kits with personal items for these survivors and have written notes with scriptural and personal messages for their strength. In August, Program Manager Rita Caviness and a survivor shared experiences of being trafficked, and ongoing struggles now during recovery. Both expressed their feelings that our church's welcome continues to help strengthen their recovery.



CROP Walk for Hunger

The CROP Hunger Walk needs you! Join this community fundraising event to walk in global solidarity with the millions who walk miles every day in search of food and water.



When:

Sunday, October 3
Registration at 1:40
Walk begins at 2:00 p.m.

Where:

Second Christian Reformed Church
Corner of Robbins Rd. & Sheldon Dr.
Grand Haven

What:

25% of the money raised is distributed to the local food pantries. The remainder is sent to Church World Service, a ecumenical international relief agency that provides food, medical care, and disaster relief for people in 35 countries.

Pick up a collection envelope in the church office to be part of the FPGH team or give a monetary donation to the "team" envelope in the office. Your gift can also be given online to our team via the Tri-Cities CROP Walk website: <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2021/event/grandhavenmi>

Help show FPGH's call to love God and love our neighbors around the block and around the world.

Volunteer at Grace Gardens!

Grace Gardens is located on the grounds of the Church of the Nazarene at 1620 S. Beechtree in Grand Haven, and produces vegetables for those in need.



If you are interested in helping with the garden, please contact Ginger Aubrey at (810) 513-8887.

From the Earth Care Team

"It is unequivocal that human influence has warmed the atmosphere, ocean and land..." so begins the 8/9/2021 Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's 6th Earth Assessment report. PC(USA) Stated Clerk Rev. Dr. J. Herbert Nelson II preached the eve before the IPCC report was released. He said "This is our Father's world. We are tearing down the creation God has given us!"

How do we, Presbyterian Christians, make sense of these dire predictions?

Presbyterians for Earth Care (PEC) is a national eco-justice network (part of PCUSA Missions) that cares for God's creation by connecting, equipping and inspiring Presbyterians to make creation care a central concern of the church. PEC makes the following recommendations for responding to the IPCC report:

- 1) PRAY for discernment, understanding, imagination and courage to make changes for the future of our planet.
- 2) ACT by individually and corporately contacting our local, state, and federal representatives asking for bold and courageous plans and legislation to address current climate/ecological disasters and prevent worse problems.
- 3) TEACH others about stewardship of God's creation (and learn more ourselves)
- 4) SUPPORT your local congregation PEC

For more info:

- Rev Nelson's sermon <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/story/we-are-tearing-down-the-creation-god-has-given-to-us/>
- Presbyterian Book of Common Worship ed 2018 prayer section devoted to earth stewardship pp 550-590
- www.presbyterianmission.org/eco-journey/category/church-earth-care

News from the Racial Justice Committee

Matthew 25:40-46 calls us as disciples of Christ to care for and speak out on behalf of the oppressed. During our current times, our nation is experiencing a reckoning with our history of racism. Churches across the country and denominational lines including the PC(USA), are having an awakening to the plight of all people of color. In regards to racism we, as a committee, hope that First Presbyterian will participate in courageous Christianity. We, as a committee, will encourage awareness, and educate and provide concrete ways to live out Christ-centered inclusive principles for our congregation.

The Racial Justice Committee will be hosting two book clubs this Fall for study and growth and invite our church family and friends to attend.

- *How to Fight Racism* by Jemar Tisby. This 10-week book club will begin **Sunday, September 19 at 7 p.m. in the church lounge** and be led by various church members.
- *Waking Up White* by Debby Irving. This 10-week series will be led by George Barfield beginning **October 13 from 6-7 pm**. We encourage families to come and will provide childcare (if needed) and a light supper. We will also provide the book, so if you plan to attend please contact the church office by October 1 to help us estimate order quantity.

Stay tuned - the Racial Justice Committee will keep you updated on more programming for 2022! If you have any questions, please feel free to ask any of the Racial Justice Committee Members.

Your Racial Justice Committee:
George Barfield, Carroll Bennink, Tom Creswell, Joan Klaasen, Jane Stoeper, SueVandenBosch, Mike Weller and Carol Wilhelm.

All are invited to attend
a program and reception presented by
The Ferry Legacy Society of First Presbyterian Church

Please note change
of venue to
Trillium Event Center

Sunday, September 26, 3 to 5 p.m.
at Trillium Event Center
17246 VanWagoner Road
Spring Lake, MI 49456

Please RSVP to the church office by September 15: 616-842-6760

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| 3:00 p.m. | Welcome and Introduction
The Rev. Dr. Troy Hauser Brydon |
| 3:15 p.m. | Program
"Your Money or Your Life"
Guest Speaker, The Rev. Dr. John M. Buchanan,
Pastor Emeritus, Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago;
Past Editor/Publisher of <i>The Christian Century</i> |
| 4:00 p.m. | Reception
Wine, beer, and hors d'oeuvres |



Children & Worship Returns On September 19!



This awesome volunteer team met to prepare for the return of Children and Worship. We are so excited to welcome you back into our Worship Centers as we grow and learn about God together!

New Upcoming 5/6th Grade Opportunity: Ready for Worship!

Starting this September, Tommy Langejans will be leading a Worship and Fellowship opportunity for 5th and 6th grade students once a month during the 11 a.m. worship service. In this class, we will discuss the individual parts of Sunday morning worship and why we do them so that students will be equipped to understand, appreciate, and engage with worship. We will also spend time talking about what it means to be a part of a church body, and enjoy getting to know each other as a group.

This fall we meet:

- Sunday, September 26
- Sunday, October 10
- Sunday, November 14
- Sunday, December 12

Sunday Evening Parent Group 5:30-7:15

This year we are introducing a new opportunity for Parents. Pastor Troy will be hosting a small group for Youth Group parents at Oddside Ales 41 Washington Avenue, Grand Haven). This is a great way to gather for support and fellowship after dropping your child(ren) off at Youth Group twice a month.

This fall the group is meeting:

- Sunday, October 3
- Sunday, October 17
- Sunday, November 7
- Sunday, November 21
- Sunday, December 5

Mask Up, Please!



**For the wellness of our children
we are asking all students
and leaders to mask up during
all children and youth
gatherings this year!**

**Thanks for loving and keeping
one another safe.**

Youth Group 2021!

We are so thrilled to return to our Sunday evening 5-12th grade weekly programming! For a refresher of, or first time look at, what our time together looks like, check out this timeline:

5:15-5:25 - Welcome and Free Play

5:30-6 - Break Out Groups

- 5/6th grade bible discussion with Tommy in the chapel
- 7/8th time bible discussion with Maddie in Fellowship Hall
- 9th-12th grade small group activity with leaders in rooms 20 & 16

6-6:50 - Group Game, Prayer and Dinner in the Rec Room and Fellowship Hall

7-7:30 - Break Out Groups

- 5/6th grade activity with Tommy in the chapel
- 7/8th grade small group activity with leaders in rooms 20 & 16
- 9th-12th grade bible discussion with Maddie in Fellowship Hall

Save the Dates:

- **Sunday, September 19**
Youth Group Kick-Off Parking Lot party 6-8 pm
- **Sunday, September 26**
Youth Group Gatherings begin in Fellowship Hall 5:15-7:30



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Sunday Worship:

9 & 11 a.m. in person or live
on our Facebook page: @FirstPresGH
or watch the recorded service on our
website: fpgh.org

September 2021

deliver to: (or current resident)

All-Church Picnic Sunday, September 12

Fun & Games
for all ages!

10:00 a.m.

One Whole-Church Worship Service
(at church)

11:30 a.m.

Picnic at Pottawatomie Park
catered by Hog Wild BBQ

*Please bring your own chairs.
The Earth Care Team asks that you also bring
your own re-usable tableware (plates, cups, & cutlery)*

**RSVP in the
Church Office
or on Realm**